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MULTIPLEXING MODULE) 7752

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

The above-identified application was improperly abandoned for alleged failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office action dated April 6, 2004. Applicants hereby petition for withdrawal of the Notice of Abandonment in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.181(a) and submit that an amendment and a request for a one month extension of time was timely filed on August 6, 2004 by facsimile in response to the Examiner's April 6, 2004 communication. In support, Applicants have enclosed the subject Amendment, Amendment Transmittal letter, and a confirmation report reflecting successful and timely facsimile transmission of the amendment.

For the above stated reasons, it is respectfully requested that the Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn. No additional fees are believed to be required. However, if any fees are due with respect to this Petition, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Respectfully submitted,

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